

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson Title: "The Thessalonian Christians."

Lesson Text: 1 Thess. 1: 4:13-18.
Memorize vs. 4:16, 17.

Golden Text: "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him." 1 Thess. 4:14.

I. The Value of Praise.

Paul said he thanked God for the Thessalonian Christians. I think it must have encouraged them. There are many friends and helpers for whom we doubtless thank God. They have been a blessing to us by their fidelity, their "labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." Have we ever told them so? It is good for individuals and for communities to do this. I meet people who thank God for a Christian home. Such praise ought to be backed up by a consistent life, don't you think? How long it takes a mother to teach a child to say "thank you!" How much longer it takes to teach him to live "thank you!" An appreciative spirit in an employer or teacher or parent gets better results than the complaining spirit. The expectation of right action, even praise for action yet to be rendered, is often a turning point in somebody's life. Say "thank you!" Get in the habit of praising people. Be a booster and not a knocker. I often think of the old German's comment on the life of a wicked man killed in a saloon brawl: "He was a good schmoker!" It wasn't much to say, but it carried good will!

II. Ignorance About the Dead.

There are many curious and defective ideas about the dead. It requires a patient, open-minded study of the scriptures to understand the Christian view. It is bound up with other things, like the second coming of Christ. The Thessalonian Christians were excited and confused by their belief that Jesus was coming again soon. It led some of them to neglect their homes and their business. This brought contempt on the church. Others were troubled because loved ones had died before the second coming of the Lord and would not be ready to greet him on that great day. In reply, Paul told them (1) that the time was not as near as they thought; (2) that they were not to stop working but to watch and be sober; (3) that fellowship with God was eternal and the dead as well as those left alive would together share in the glories of the Kingdom. Paul raised no question about immortality. The dead are simply asleep in Jesus, not lost to us, but still living with Christ.

III. Meeting Sorrow.

Sooner or later sorrow comes to us all. In one way or another we are getting ready to meet it. Some take no thought about it and make no preparation. When sorrow arrives they are crushed. They have no philosophy of life to meet it. They have not thought thru any of the questions involved. Even when others have sorrowed, they have made no adequate attempt to understand it. Others have dared to ask "why?" Even when it has caused them pain, they have probed to find the causes of sorrow in their lives, and in the world. They have studied Job's classic and noble utterances upon it. They have pondered long the experience and teaching of Jesus, who had his disappointments, loss of friends, his Gethsemane and his cross. They have walked with Paul as he talked of his "thorn in the flesh," of his buffetings and trials, of his hopes and fears! Contact with such heroes gives us courage for our battles. It teaches us lessons of patience and hope. Sorrow has its ministry for all of us. We shall be better for its chastening, refining influence in our lives. It yields certain peaceable fruits of righteousness. It brings into the fellowship of all the saints and martyrs, of the noble soldiers of God! How do you meet sorrow? How do you help others to meet it? What are your sources of comfort? Have you helped others to share them?

The Thrifty Scot

"Can you oblige me with a light?" said a Scotsman, as he bit off the end of a cigar and looked around a smoking carriage on the Great Northern Railway. One traveler produced an empty box with apologies; another said he didn't smoke and didn't carry matches. "Can ye give a light?" repeated the Scotsman to the third, who stolidly looked out of the window. Then the Scotsman's finger went reluctantly into his own pocket. "Weel, weel," he murmured, "I'll jist need to tak' ane o' my ain."

Forty-one

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the chair, for—" she faltered a little —for HER. She'll like it. It's a nice, homy little chair."

"Please don't," he blurted out in agony. She regarded him gravely. "You aren't angry NOW?" "No, he wasn't angry."

"You are going to get married, aren't you?" "Don't make things worse?" he begged.

Her eyes opened wider, puzzled. "How worse? What do you mean?"

He shook his head wretchedly. "You must explain. Can't you see that you must?" she demanded with grave dignity.

He winced as he brought it out. "It —it was you I planned to marry when—"

"When I was Forty-One?" He nodded.

For a moment there was silence and trembling nerves. Young Chapwell felt his bones turn to cobwebs. Then the girl said "Oh-h!" in a half-sobbing, half-laughing sort of way. For a dizzy moment their eyes held each other, and then, blinded with too much light, looked away.

"You could call very soon," the girl said dreamily. "That's one of the things they hadn't planned for me to do. But I don't mind if it isn't—if you don't."

From the rear of the store sounded Kittles's voice.

"Sorry, ma'am, but you'd better look at some of the others. That young man over by the door's goin' to have it for his sweetheart, if I have to give it outright."

(The end.)

COURT CUTS HIS BEER MONEY

Tells Wife to Allow Him 10 Cents a Day Instead of 50 Cents.

New York—Ten cents a day for beer is enough for any working man, Recorder William J. Cain of Bayonne, N. J., decided when Frank Zenkewsky of 285 Avenue B was arraigned on complaint of his wife, Josephine, that he did not properly support her. He testified he gave her \$42 every two weeks.

"Yes, but out of this he makes me give him 50 cents a day for beer so you can see how much I have left," the wife protested.

"Allow him but cents a day for his beer in the future. That is enough for him or any other working man to spend for beer," the Recorder ruled.

PASTOR PATENTS SWITCHBOARD

Now at Work on Device to Foil Listeners.

The Rev. Rufus Turk, a small country church preacher at Detroit, a small town east of Abilene, Kan., has invented a telephone switchboard that has many advantages and improvements over the old ones now in use. With his invention the operator can connect all the phones in the city at once and also the switch plug ejects itself when the parties are thru talking. He has secured a patent on it.

He has patents pending on another switchboard which would prove very practical in use. It will indicate when other parties are listening on a party line. He is working on other similar improvements.

Dinner Stories

"Do you think you will be able to keep me out of jail?" he asked after he had made a full confession to his lawyer.

"I may not be able to do that, but I can make the state spend a lot of money in putting you there."

"Here, what's all this row about?" asked the policeman, breathlessly. "Why, this woman is collecting money for the peace society, and when I refused to contribute she knocked me down," explained the meek looking man.

"Papa, what is an escutcheon?" "Why?"

"This story says there was a blot on his escutcheon."

"Oh, yes! An escutcheon is a light-colored vest. He had probably been carrying a fountain pen."

"There was once a president," said Senator Bourne, "who received, early in his administration, a letter which proved to him that there is no such thing as discouraging an office seeker. This letter read:

"Dear Mr. President: I understand you are going to take a month off to destroy the big mountain of letters asking you for jobs. If everything else is gone, I would like the job of destroying those letters."

"You should think of our illustrious ancestors who steered this ship of the republic through the troubled waters—"

"I'm kind of losing respect for my illustrious ancestors," interrupted Senator Sorghum. "Too many of them were inclined to boast that they left politics poorer than they were when they accepted office."

"Does your wife ever doubt what you say when you get home late?" asked Jones.

"Never," replied Smith. "She knows I'm lying."

PRESIDENT AT WEST POINT DELIVERS SPEECH TO CADETS



PRESIDENT WILSON and MRS. C.P. TOWMLY, COLONEL C.P. TOWMLY and MRS. WILSON ON THE WAY TO THE GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Household Hints

FAVORITE HOME-MADE CANDIES

Chocolate Fudge.

Two cups of sugar, ½ cup sweet milk, 2 squares shaved or grated chocolate, unsweetened, or 4 tablespoons cocoa, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Put sugar, butter, milk and chocolate or cocoa into a granite saucepan and boil until a little dropped in cold water forms a soft ball. Remove from fire, place saucepan in a dish of cold water. Add a teaspoon of vanilla, a cup of broken nut meats, if liked, and stir with silver spoon until it thickens. Pour at once into a well-buttered pan or platter. Mark into squares when cool, using a hot knife, so that the fudge will not crumble. Putting the saucepan into a dish of cold water as soon as it is removed from the fire, and stirring constantly with a spoon, will make the fudge creamy, whereas, if you let it partially cool and then beat, it may be sandy or sugary.

Maple Caramels.

For Teddy G.—One cup thick maple sugar, ¾ cup cream. Boil until it hardens in cold water. Pour on greased platter and mark in squares when cool. Wrap in waxed papers, as any caramels.

Butter Scotch.

One cup sugar, ½ cup water, 1 teaspoon lemon juice or vinegar or 1 tablespoon molasses. Boil 20 minutes until hard when dropped in water. Pour into a buttered dish. Mark in

squares or rounds when cool.

Butter Taffy.

Two cups light brown sugar, 4 tablespoons molasses, 2 tablespoons water, 2 tablespoons vinegar, ¼ cup butter. Boil until brittle when dropped in water.

Peppermints.

One and one-half cups granulated sugar, ½ cup boiling water, 6 drops oil (not essence) of peppermint. Stir sugar and water in granite saucepan until dissolved. Boil 10 minutes after it begins to boil. Remove from fire, add oil of peppermint and beat until creamy. Drop from tip of spoon on buttered paper or platter.

Maple Walnut Creams.

Two cups maple sugar, 1 cup water. Cook without stirring. When nearly done, add small piece of butter. When it begins to harden when dropped in cold water, remove from fire and beat until it becomes waxen. Mold into balls and place ½ English walnut on each side. Cool on buttered plates.

Sea Foam Candy.

Two cups granulated sugar, ½ cup corn syrup, ½ cup water. Boil until it forms a hard (not brittle) ball in cold water. Take from fire and beat thoroughly, adding a teaspoon of vanilla, 1 cup chopped walnuts and the beaten whites of 2 eggs. It should be quite stiff.

Peanut Candy.

Two cups sugar, 1 cup cold water. Let boil. Add ¼ teaspoon cream tartar dissolved in a little cold water. Add butter size of an English walnut. Cook a few minutes and pour over shelled peanuts which you have already placed in a buttered platter. Cut in strips.

Chocolate Caramels.

Half cup cold water, ½ cup milk, ¾ cup molasses, 3 cups brown sugar, ¼ pound butter, ¼ pound chocolate, ½ pound almonds (weighed in the shell). Put water, milk, molasses and sugar in kettle. When hot, add chocolate and a little later the butter. Boil until a stiff jelly and almost to the crack. Pour out half the mixture in a thin layer on a buttered tin or platter. Cover with the chopped almonds and pour the remaining candy on top. When cool, cut in squares. Wrap in waxed paper.

Cream Candy.

Stir 4 cups sugar and 3 cups water until dissolved. When it begins to boil add 1 tablespoon butter and cook until it hardens in cold water. Pour out and when cool enough, pull until white. Cut in small pieces. Do not use until next day, when it will be soft as velvet.

U. S. ORDERS \$4,000,000 WORTH OF AMMUNITION.

NEW YORK.—A \$4,000,000 order for munitions has been placed with the Crucible Steel company by the government according to Wall street reports today.

Ex-Postmaster is Inventor

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